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U. S. Intelligence Labors Seen in True, Drab Light

CIA Chief Tells Students Spy Stories Are Small Part of Painstaking Picture

The cloak and dagger apparently are in short supply because one of the chiefs of the Central Intelligence Agency showed up here yesterday without either.

"If you are here to hear me spin some spy stories, I fear you're in for a disappointment," said Lyman Kirkpatrick, inspector general of the CIA.

Shatters Illusions

He then proceeded to shatter illusions right and left in a noon-time speech to students in the ballroom of the University's Schreyer Hall.

Mr. Kirkpatrick said that the "glamorized side of CIA, the spy stories," is least essential in importance in its operations.

"Our primary responsibility is to compile information from all sources on conditions outside the United States, distill the mass of information and then report to the National Security Council once a week," he said.

He told the students that the basic work of intelligence is "hard, painstaking and detailed" and consists mainly of "research and analysis and proper interpretation of data."

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Vital to Diplomacy

The impression Mr. Kirkpatrick gave of CIA was a group of studious, dedicated men, struggling through masses of reports and emerging finally with information required by this nation's policymakers to reach a decision.

"Intelligence information is an important adjunct to diplomacy," he stated.

Mr. Kirkpatrick spoke from a wheelchair to which he has been confined since polio paralyzed his legs several years ago.

Mr. Kirkpatrick is a graduate of the Princeton University School of Public and International Affairs. He once worked as a reporter and served as an intelligence officer with General Omar Bradley's 12th United States Army Group during World War II.

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